

APPENDIX A

Notices of Public Solicitation Period, Public
Workshops, and Public Hearings on
Basin Plan Triennial Review

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION PERIOD AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR
BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW**

SOLICITATION PERIOD

January 31, 2003 to March 14, 2003

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**March 3, 2003 1:30 p.m.
Regional Board Office Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340**

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is seeking comments on the need to review and revise the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. Both state and federal laws mandate the periodic review and update of Basin Plans. The periodic review is conducted approximately every three years, therefore appropriately called the "Triennial Review". The primary purpose of the Triennial Review is to review water quality standards (i.e., water quality objectives and beneficial uses) and take public comment on issues the Board should address in the future. This review does not necessarily mean that any revision will be made to the Basin Plan. During the Triennial Review the Regional Board develops and adopts a prioritized list of Basin Plan issues which will be used by the Regional Board to direct basin planning efforts for the next three years.

Public participation is an important part of the Triennial Review process. Written comments on water quality standards or other Basin Plan issues will be accepted during a 43-day solicitation period beginning January 31, 2003 and closing March 14, 2003. On March 3, 2003 the Regional Board will conduct a Public Workshop to educate the public on the Triennial Review process. During the workshop the public will have the opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review process and on Basin Plan issues.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Purpose: To educate interested parties about the Triennial Review process and hear public comment on Basin Plan issues.

Date: Monday March 3, 2003

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Regional Board Office - Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123-4340

Two or more Regional Board members may attend this workshop. However, no voting will occur.

SOLICITATION PERIOD

Solicitation Period Opens	Friday, January 31, 2003
Public Workshop	Monday, March 3, 2003
Solicitation Period Closes	Friday, March 14, 2003
Final date for submitting comments	Friday, March 14, 2003

Comments on Basin Plan issues received after 5:00 p.m. on Friday **March 14, 2003** will not be evaluated, or included on the 2003 Tentative Triennial Review List of Basin Plan Issues to be considered by the Regional Board.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

To obtain the most current information on the Triennial Review process contact us by:

U.S. mail: Regional Water Quality Control Board, 9174 Sky Park Court Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123-4340.

Email: tri_review@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Telephone: Ms. Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or
Ms. Jody Ebsen at (858) 636-3146.

Website: www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9.

Triennial Review documents can also be reviewed by appointment at the Regional Board office at the above address.

INFORMATION

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the Regional Board's website or by contacting Ms. Lori Costa at the phone number below.

The workshop room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to March 3, 2003. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

_____/s/
John H. Robertus
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: January 28, 2003

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DATE: February 3, 2003

TO: Interested Parties

RE: **2003 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF BASIN PLAN**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is conducting a Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) and is seeking public comments on the need to review and revise the Basin Plan. Written comments on water quality standards or other Basin Plan issues will be accepted during a 43-day solicitation period **beginning January 31, 2003 and closing March 14, 2003**. During the solicitation period, a public workshop has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, **March 3, 2003** at the Regional Board. During the workshop, the public will have the opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review process and on Basin Plan issues. A copy of the Notice of Public Solicitation Period and Public Workshop for Basin Plan Triennial Review is enclosed.

The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. Both state and federal laws mandate the periodic review and update of Basin Plans. The periodic review is conducted approximately every three years, therefore it is appropriately called the "Triennial Review." The primary purpose of the Triennial Review is to review water quality standards (i.e., water quality objectives and beneficial uses) and take public comment on issues the Regional Board should address in the future. The Triennial Review is not a Basin Plan amendment. During the Triennial Review the Regional Board develops and adopts a prioritized list of Basin Plan issues which will be used by the Regional Board to direct basin planning efforts for the next three years.

Comment Submittals

Use of the enclosed 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review Comment Submittal Form is strongly recommended. All submittals should include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. **Submitting Organization:** This section should include the name of the organization, entity or person submitting the Basin Plan issue(s) for consideration during the 2003 Triennial Review process.
2. **Contact Person:** This section should include the name, address, phone number(s), and e-mail address for the contact person that can answer questions about the information provided.

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3. **Name of Basin Plan Issue:** This section should include the name of the Basin Plan issue. This name will be used to identify the issue throughout the 2003 Triennial Review process.
4. **Affected Waterbody(ies) and Watershed(s):** This section should identify the waterbody(ies) and watershed(s) affected by the Basin Plan issue, using the nomenclature as described in the Basin Plan for hydrologic units, areas and subareas. A map should be submitted to identify the affected waterbody(ies) and watershed(s).
5. **Concise Summary of Basin Plan Issue:** This section should describe in one or two sentences the essence of the Basin Plan Issue.
6. **Detailed Description of Basin Plan Issue:** This section should include a comprehensive description of the Basin Plan Issue.
7. **Result/Goal of Basin Plan Issue:** This section should describe the intended result or goal of the Basin Plan issue.
8. **Justification:** This section should provide detailed rationale to support the Basin Plan issue (i.e., why should the Regional Board consider this issue?).
9. **Supporting Information or Data:** List any existing documents and/or data that the Regional Board should consider is reviewing the Basin Plan issue.
10. **Affected Parties:** Provide a list of potential stakeholders who could be affected by the Basin Plan issue (i.e., municipalities, businesses, agriculture, residents, industries, etc.).
11. **Recommended Priority:** If submitting multiple Basin Plan issues for consideration, rank each issue in the order of relative importance, assigning rank 1 to the highest priority issue.

Important Deadlines for Comment Submittals

Solicitation Period Opens	Friday, January 31, 2003
Public Workshop	Monday, March 3, 2003
Solicitation Period Closes	Friday, March 14, 2003
Final date for submitting comments	Friday, March 14, 2003

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Comments on Basin Plan issues received **after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2003, will not be evaluated, or included** on the 2003 tentative Triennial Review List of Basin Plan Issues to be considered by the Regional Board.

Informational Workshop

An informational workshop will be conducted on Monday, **March 3, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.**, at the Regional Board office located at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego. The Notice of Public Solicitation Period and Public Workshop is enclosed. The purpose of this workshop is to (1) provide an overview of the Triennial Review process, (2) answer questions, and (3) hear comments from the public. In preparation for the workshop, interested parties are encouraged to send their questions to tri_review@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov prior to the workshop so that they can be addressed during the presentation.

Formal Public Hearing

The Regional Board will hold a formal public hearing in the summer of 2003 to consider adopting a resolution to approve the 2003 tentative Triennial Review List of Basin Plan Issues developed during the review. Opportunities for review of the prioritized list and public comments on the list will be announced at a later date.

Options for Obtaining Future Triennial Review Information

The Regional Board would like to keep interested parties fully informed during the Triennial Review Process. However, **future mailings** of communications, notices, and announcements pertaining to the Triennial Review **will only be made to persons who specifically request this information**. To receive updates you must: 1) subscribe to our electronic mailing list; or 2) send us a request to have information sent to you via U. S. Mail as described below. You may also obtain information at your convenience from our website or by appointment at the San Diego Regional Board office. New and updated information will frequently become available throughout the review process. Therefore, should you select to obtain information via option 3 or 4 described below, it will be your responsibility to visit our website or our office regularly to obtain the most recent information.

1. 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review Electronic Mail List Subscription

Instructions (enclosed):

If you select this option, the Regional Board will send Triennial Review communications, notices, and announcements directly to your e-mail account.

2. 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review U.S. Mail List Subscription Form (enclosed):

If you select this option, the Regional Board will send Triennial Review communications, notices, and announcements to you via the U.S. mail service.

3. Internet Access to Triennial Review Information:

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Documents related to the Triennial Review will be available for online viewing on our website at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9.

4. Review By Appointment:

Triennial Review documents may be viewed by appointment at the Regional Board office during regular business hours, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego California 92123-4340.

Questions on Triennial Review

Any questions regarding the Triennial Review process should be sent to the Regional Board at tri_review@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov. Alternatively, you may contact Ms. Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or Ms. Jody Ebsen at (858) 636-3146. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this very important process.

Respectfully,

Original Signed by

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Public Solicitation Period and Public Workshop for Basin Plan Triennial Review
2. 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review Comment Submittal Form
3. 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review Electronic Mail List Subscription Instructions
4. 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review U.S. Mail List Subscription Form

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**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
May 26, 2004 10:00 a.m.
Regional Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340

PUBLIC HEARING
June 9, 2004 9:00 a.m.
Regional Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public workshop to present a technical report and tentative resolution adopting the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review. The technical report contains a listing of proposed Basin Plan water quality issues that may be investigated and addressed through Basin Plan amendments over the next three years. The purpose of the public workshop is to provide an overview of the Regional Board's technical report and tentative resolution, answer questions, and receive comments from the public. Two or more Regional Board members may attend this meeting. However, no voting will occur. The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Public Workshop will be held as follows:

Date: May 26, 2004

Time: 10:00a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

PUBLIC HEARING

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, on June 9, 2004. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: June 9, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123-4340

LEGAL BASIS FOR ACTION

California Water Code sections 13143 and 13240 require that state policy for water quality control and water quality control plans (Basin Plans) be reviewed periodically. Federal law, Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) requires that a state's water quality standards be reviewed every three years, i.e., triennially. This review is a formal action requiring a Regional Board resolution adopting the triennial review.

BACKGROUND

The Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. Both state and federal laws mandate the periodic review and update of Basin Plans. The periodic review is conducted approximately every three years and is referred to as the

“Triennial Review.” The primary purpose of the Triennial Review is to review the appropriateness of the Basin Plan water quality standards (i.e., water quality objectives and beneficial uses). During the Triennial Review process public comment is considered on what Basin Plan water quality issues the Board should investigate over the next three years. The Regional Board develops and adopts a prioritized list of Basin Plan issues that may be investigated by the Board over the next three years. The inclusion of an issue on the prioritized Triennial Review list of issues does not necessarily mean that any amendment will be made to the Basin Plan.

KEY ISSUES

Initial written comments from the public were accepted during a period from January 31, 2003 to March 14, 2003. The Regional Board also conducted a public workshop on March 3, 2003. During the workshop and comment period the public had the opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review process, the Basin Plan, and recommend Basin Plan issues for investigation. Following a detailed review of all issues submitted the Regional Board developed a technical report and tentative resolution describing a prioritized list of Basin Plan water quality issues. The technical report includes a brief description of each issue; estimates of the time and staff resources needed to investigate the issue and to prepare a basin plan amendment; a generalized ranking of the issues by priority; and identifies those issues on the list that would require additional funding (including the amount of extra funds required).

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, technical report, and supporting documents, will be available at the Regional Board office, at the above address, on weekdays during business hours beginning no later than Monday, May 10, 2004. These documents can also be accessed through the Internet at the Regional Board web site www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9 beginning no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2004. Documents are available 30 days prior to the Public Hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Submittal of written comments on the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review is encouraged. **Written comments are due no later than Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at the close of the Regional Board's public hearing.** Submittal of written comments prior to June 9 is optional. Comments submitted prior to June 2 at 5 p.m. will be provided to the Regional Board members in advance of the public hearing. Written

comments should be submitted to: Ms. Jody Ebsen,
Engineering Geologist, California Regional Water Quality
Control Board, San Diego Region, 9174 Sky Park Court, Ste.
100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340.

HEARING AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES

The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review will be adopted pursuant to a two Regional Board meeting process. At the first meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, the Regional Board will conduct a public hearing and receive testimony pertaining to the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, technical report, and supporting documents. The Regional Board will accept comments and testimony relevant to the tentative resolution both orally and in writing. Time limitations on oral presentations may be imposed. Oral testimony should be summarized to the degree possible. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other material presented, as evidence must be left with the Regional Board because they become part of the administrative record.

At the end of the June 9, 2004 public hearing, staff will recommend that the Regional Board close the public hearing and the public review and comment period. Following the public hearing, written responses to all public comments received will be prepared. The tentative resolution may be revised to reflect public comment and Regional Board direction. At the second Regional Board meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, the Regional Board will deliberate and consider adoption of the revised 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution.

Additional or alternative Basin Plan issues consistent with the general purpose of the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution and complementary to the specific prioritized list of Basin Plan issues attached to the resolution, are under consideration, or may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of the testimony (i.e., allows changes to be made at the hearing).

INFORMATION

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Questions concerning this notice may be directed to either Ms. Laurie Walsh or Ms. Jody Ebsen at:

Email: tri_review@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Telephone: Ms. Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or

Ms. Jody Ebsen at (858) 636-3146.

Thank you for your interest in the Basin Plan and the protection of water quality.

/S/

John H. Robertus

Executive Officer

April 16, 2004